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FOR PROMOTING AGRICULTURE.

I.

THE society shall be stiled, **THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING AGRICULTURE.**

II.

The society's attention shall be confined to agriculture and rural affairs.

III.

The society shall have a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, five curators, and a secretary; and an assistant secretary, when the increase of business shall require it; all of whom shall be annually elected, by the tickets of a majority of the members present, at the stated meeting of the society in January; the persons, so elected, to continue in office one year, and until others shall be chosen in their stead. And in case of any vacancy, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the same may be supplied by a new election, to be made at any stated meeting of the society; the person thus newly elected, to serve the remainder of the year.

IV.

A quorum for business shall consist of at least five members, including the president or vice-president.

V.

At all meetings of the society the president shall exercise the usual duties of that office ; all motions shall be addressed to him ; and on all questions he shall collect and declare the votes. He shall also have power to call special meetings of the society, by notice published in at least two of the city newspapers. In his absence the same duties shall be performed by the vice-president. And if it happen, at any meeting of the society, that both the president and vice-president be absent, the members present (being a quorum to constitute a regular meeting for the business to be transacted) may choose a vice-president for that meeting.

VI.

The treasurer shall keep the accounts, methodically stated, in the books of the society ; and, when called upon, produce them for inspection. At the last meeting of every year, and also whenever his office ends, he shall produce a fair and regularly stated account of all receipts, payments, and expenditures ; and deliver it, together with those books, and all other property of the society, in his hands, to his successor in office, or to the orders of the society.

VII.

curators
The curators are to take the charge and care of all property and articles belonging to the society ; the books and papers excepted, which are to remain in charge of the secretary, who is to assist the curators in every thing in which his aid is required.

The curators are to take measures, from time to time, for collecting all native fossils, earths and substances, proper for manures, or deemed so to be : and to cause or procure the same to be analyzed ; and report to the society the results. They are also to procure experiments to be

made, by careful agriculturists, of any such fossils, earths, or substances; and to promote, in every practicable way, explorations for the discovery of native substances, either known, or presumed, to be manures; or auxiliaries in fertilizing land. They are also to keep minutes of their proceedings, to collect models of the best agricultural instruments; and report their usefulness and properties; and cause such models to be deposited in the apartments of the society. They are to recommend to the society, from time to time, the offering premiums for any discovery or experiment on the foregoing subjects: and to examine into the merits of all claims for premiums, and report their opinions thereon, when the society do not think proper to appoint special committees for the purpose.

VIII.

The secretary and his assistant shall have in charge all the books and papers of the society, and keep the same in exact order. They shall also register all letters which shall be written by the committee of correspondence, or by themselves, by order of the committee.

IX.

At the annual meeting of the society in January, shall be chosen a committee of correspondence, to consist of five members, any three of whom to be a quorum, for the purpose of corresponding with any other society, or persons, touching the objects which this society has in view. The same members shall also be a committee of accounts, to receive and adjust all claims against the society, for its contingent expenses; and the president shall give orders on the treasurer for the payment of them.

X.

The stated meetings of the society shall be on the second Tuesday of every month.

XI.

THE members of the society shall be distinguished into *resident, honorary, and contributing members.*

Resident members shall consist of persons residing within a convenient distance, to attend the meetings of the Society at Philadelphia; and these are defined to be such only, as at the time of election, reside within ten miles of the said city, on either side of the Delaware. All members of agricultural societies, in other states and countries, with whom this Society shall correspond; and all persons of this state, and of other states and countries, who shall be elected for the purpose, shall be *honorary members*; and are hereby invited to assist at the meetings, whenever they come to Philadelphia. Strangers who desire to be present, as auditors, may be introduced by a resident member.

Honorary contributing members are of the description hereafter mentioned.

Every citizen contributing, and paying into the hands of the treasurer, a sum not less than FIFTY DOLLARS, may be elected, agreeably to the rules, an *honorary member*; without regard to place of residence. Those who thus laudably enable the Society to extend its usefulness, and promote its objects, are invited to assist at its meetings. They will be styled *honorary contributing members.*

All donations and bequests for general purposes, shall be faithfully used; and regular accounts kept of their application.

Such donations or bequests as are given, granted, made or devised, on terms directing their being used in, or applied to, any particular branch or branches of husbandry, or rural œconomy; or subjects connected therewith, shall, with all due fidelity, be so used or applied. And if they, or any of them, shall not be, at the time, sufficient to accomplish the object designated, in whole or in part, they and every of them, shall be placed in a situation, if practicable,

to accumulate ; until by additions of other means, the object intended can be effectuated.

The names, and amount and description of donations, of all citizens contributing pecuniary or other donations, of any amount or description whatever, shall be registered, in a roll kept for that special purpose. They will merit and receive the thanks of the society, for the patriotism and public spirit, evinced by their thus affording the means of accomplishing the objects of the institution.

XII.

New members, whether *resident* or *honorary*, shall be elected by ballot. And the secretary shall issue notice to each person, of his being elected, to the following purport — *The Philadelphia Society for promoting Agriculture, have elected a (resident or honorary) member, in testimony of their confidence in his capacity and inclination to promote the objects of their institution.*

XIII.

All elections and appointments shall be between eight and nine o'clock in the evening, at one of the stated meetings of the society. And no person shall be elected a member, whether resident or honorary, unless, at a preceding stated meeting, he shall have been openly proposed, and such nomination duly entered on the minutes of the society. The nomination and election to be in the absence of the candidate.

XIV.

The society shall annually propose prizes upon interesting subjects, relative to actual experiments and improvements, and for the best pieces written on proposed subjects. And in order more effectually to disseminate the knowledge of useful discoveries and improvements in husbandry, the society will, from time to time, publish collections of memoirs and observations, selected from such communications as shall be made to them. To promote these views, the

friends of agriculture are invited to assist the society with information of experiments and incidents in husbandry.

XV.

All claims of prizes shall be sent in writing ; and when read, the society shall determine which of the claims, relative to each prize, shall be selected for their definitive judgment, on a future comparison. This judgment is to be given at the stated meeting on the second Tuesday in February, but previously to such determination, all such claims shall be submitted to, and reported upon by the curators. If it happen, in any case, that there be no competition for a prize, but only a single claim, the society will consider such claim ; and if the claim or claims be supported answerably to the views and just expectations of the society, the prize proposed shall be decreed. Premiums and prizes are equally due to any persons residing in any of the United States, according to the merit of their respective exhibitions.

XVI.

For the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the society, for premiums and prizes, books on agriculture, improved instruments of husbandry, and other important objects and contingencies, every member shall annually pay to the treasurer a contribution of TWO DOLLARS. This contribution shall be considered as due and payable at or before the last day of December in every year. And at the first meeting in January of every year, the treasurer shall lay before the society a list of the members, specifying who have, and who have not paid their contributions ; and any member whose contribution shall be found to be more than two years in arrears, after the same shall have become due and payable, as aforesaid, provided payment thereof has been personally demanded of him by the treasurer, or collector, authorised by him for the purpose, such member shall be considered as withdrawing from the society, and be

no longer deemed a member of it; and the same shall be entered on the minutes.

XVII.

New rules, or alterations to be made in old rules, (except at the annual meeting in January,) shall be proposed, and the proposal entered on the minutes, at a preceding stated meeting; and may then be made by not less than two thirds of the members present.

XVIII.

When any part of the society's funds is to be disposed of, (excepting at the annual meeting, or for ordinary contingent expences) the same shall be done at a stated or special meeting, after having been proposed at a previous stated meeting.

XIX.

Still further to advance the objects of this institution, the society will promote the establishment of other similar societies in the United States.

XX.

On the first meeting of the society in January, in every year, there shall be a revision of the then subsisting rules; and the same shall stand confirmed, so far as two thirds of the members present, including the president or vice-president, do not revoke or alter them.

